introduced the Constitution (Eightieth Amendment) Bill, 1996 in Lok Sabha in July 1996 to provide for fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of 1991 census without affecting the existing number of seats allocated to various States with a view to correct imbalances caused by uneven growth of population in various constituencies.

(d) Does not arise.

पर्यटन विकास प्राधिकरण और भारतीय पर्यटन सेवा का गठन

1207. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पर्यटन का विकास करने के लिए पर्यटन विकास प्राधिकरण और भारतीय पर्यटन सेवा का गठन करने जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसमें कितना समय लगेगा; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जेना): (क) से (ग) पर्यटन विभाग के पास ऐसे प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Financial assistance to West Bengal for improvement of infrastructural facilities

1208. PROF. (SHRIMATI BHARTI RAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance given year-wise during the last three years to the State Government of West Bengal for improvement of infrastructural facilities to attract foreign tourists;

(b) the details of incentives, if any, offered to the private sector to promote tourism in India; and

(c) the special efforts, if any, to attract tourists to Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned financial assistance during the last three years of Rs. 167.30 lakhs in 1993-94, Rs.144.01 lakhs in 1994-95 and Rs. 175.09 lakhs in 1995-96 for the improvement / creation of infrastructural facilities in the State of West Bengal to meet the requirement of both domestic as well a foreign tourists.

(b) In order to encourage private sector, a number of incentives like interest subsidy, income tax exemption, reduced customs duty etc. are given to private entreprenures to attract private investment for development / promotion of tourism.

(c) For promotion of tourism, Central Department of Tourism produces publicity material on various places ot tourist interest, which also includes folders and tourist maps on Calcutta.

Grant to Junior Lawyers

1209. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state whether Government will take steps to provide a grant to the junior Lawyers upto 5 years from the date of enrolment at the rate of Rs.500/- by Central or State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE. (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): The Bar Council of India through its Trust (The Bar Council of India Trust) gives stipend every year to 20 junior Advocates within five years from the date of their enrolment at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month for a period of one year. The Government has no such proposal pending consideration.

MoU Signed Between Hindustan Times Limited and British Insurance Co. PCL

1210. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to allow the foreign companies to

enter the insurance business in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Hindustan Times Ltd. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the British Insurance Co. PCL to enter the insurance business; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The policy of the Government for the insurance sector has been laid down in the Common Minimum Programme (CMP) of the Government which states as follows:

> "There is room for public sector companies and private sector companies to co-exist and compete in the financial sector. We have gained considerable experience in the working of the banking sector. The said experience will be applied to the restructuring of the insurance industry, but at the same time, public sector companies like LIC, GIC etc. will be strengthened."

During the Budget Speech in July, 1996, it had been stated that:

> "An interim non-statutory Insurance Regulatory Authority was set up in January 1996. I now propose to introduce a Bill to make it a statutory body and to empower it suitably. When I return to the subject of insurance in the next Budget, I shall address some of the policy parameters outlined in the CMP, including the sequence of steps for the restructuring of the insurance industry."

The Government is currently processing a Bill for giving statutory basis to the Insurance Regulatory Authority. Other measures for reform of the insurance sector are being examined in consultation with the Insurance Regulatory Authority.

(b) and (c) The Government does not monitor the business agreements between private parties unless such agreements are required to be filed with the Government for any purpose.

Annual income of Centaur Hotel by way of providing services to international airlines

1211. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the annual income collected by way of providing services to international airlines and foreign tourists during the last five years in Centaur Hotel, New Delhi, a major sister concern of Air India;

(b) the amount obtained from hotel accommodations and flight kitchens during said per period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and break up of profit and loss against its annual target; and

(d) whether the amount thus deposited with Air India's annual balance-sheet and shown as higher profit earned by Centaur?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Details are as under:-

(Rupees in lacs)

Year	Revenue
1991-92	298.74
1992-93	365.80
1993-94	413.49
1994-95	542.01
1995-96	733.58

(b) and (c) Details are given in the annexure [*See* **Appendix 179, Annexure No. 24**]

(d) The revenues were reflected in the balance sheet of Hotel Corporation of India Limited for the relevant years.